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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q62251

Eiji KASUTANI

Appln. No.: 09/732,701

Group Art Unit: 2623

Confirmation No.: 2921

Examiner: Jon C. CHANG

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For: IMAGE RETRIEVAL DEVICE, IMAGE RETRIEVAL METHOD AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM STORING SIMILAR-IMAGE RETRIEVAL PROGRAM

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 6, 2003 to February 6, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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